SUBJECT No. 174.

Private practice by Medical Officers and their transfer.

Messrs. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk; and V. Naranappa, Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Medical Officers who are allowed to have private practice are apt to give great attention to the same to the prejudice of their hospital work and they are apt to use the Government supplies of medicine for their private practice. They may, therefore, be prohibited from private practice. The transfer of Medical Officers once in three years is also desirable.

(2) In regard to the transfer of Hospital Assistants the wishes of the people should be respected. Frequent transfers of Hospital Assistants prevent people from confiding in them and obtaining treatment. It is therefore desirable that, as far as possible, they should remain in a station for a sufficiently long time.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

The Medical Officers in the Kadur district have been very good people throughout. They have been very popular officers. We have no complaints to make against them.

Several members spoke against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—(1) Private practice cannot be disallowed.

(2) The Head of the Department will take all circumstances into consideration in making transfers.

SUBJECT No. 175.

Increase of pay to Hospital Assistants.

Messrs. K. Shankara Narayana Rao, Nagar Sabha; Krishnasastri, Mysore District Board; Nanjegowda and Rangasetty, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present scale of salaries of hospital assistants is not attractive, and the time limit for promotion from one grade to the next higher grade, *viz.*, 7 years, is rather too long. Consequently competent men have been resigning the service after a compulsory service of five years. The pay and prospects of hospital assistants may therefore be improved.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 176.

Thumb impressions of patients in Hindu Vaidyasalas.

Mr. Tirunarnaiengar, Channarayapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is said that orders are in force for taking the thumb impressions of patients resorting to Hindu Vaidyasalas in the registers maintained in them. This is a source of annoyance to respectable men and women. The order requires revision to avoid unnecessary expense to the institutions and to render them more popular.

Reply of Government.—The taking of thumb impressions will be ordered to be discontinued.

SUBJECT No. 177.

Establishment of Vaidyasalas in all taluk headquarters.

Messrs. Venkatasubbaiya, Suryanarayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk; Thammaiya, Hassan District Board; and A. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 178.

Inspection of Native Dispensaries.

Mr. Nanjunda Setty, Seringapatam Municipality.

Withdrawn.